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SUBJECT: STANSAAB ATC CONTRACT WITH USSR

REF: STOCKHOLM 3421

1. THE SWEDISH BUSINESS WEEKLY "VECKANS AFFARER" IN ITS AUGUST 18 EDITION HAD AN ARTICLE ON THE STANSAAB EXPORT LICENSE QUESTION. THE ESSENCE OF THE ARTICLE FOLLOWS:
2. AFTER 12 MONTHS' WAIT, STANSAAB AND SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WERE TOLD INFORMALLY THAT LICENSE WOULD BE GRANTED LAST FRIDAY (AUGUST 12), BUT NOTHING HAPPENED.
3. CURT WIIK OF THE COMMERCE MINISTRY SAID: "THE LATEST WE HAVE HEARD IS THAT THE STANSAAB CASE IS GOING TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ON FRIDAY THIS WEEK. THE DELAY MAY HAVE BEEN BECAUSE THE AMERICANS WANTED FURTHER INFORMATION. BUT THERE IS EVERYTHING TO INDICATE THAT STANSAAB WILL GET A POSITIVE DECISION."
4. STANSAAB MANAGING DIRECTOR GUNNAR WEDELL DOES NOT THINK THERE IS ANY DANGER OF DELIVERY TIMES NOT BEING KEPT, "BUT IF WE DON'T GET THE LICENSE VERY SOON THERE IS A SERIOUS RISK THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THE

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DELIVERIES IN TIME."

5. ARTICLE ALSO SAYS THAT STANSAAB HAS ALREADY SHIPPED SECTIONS OF THE ATC SYSTEM TO USSR, WHICH HAS REPORTEDLY CAUSED IRRITATION IN US. WEDELL AGAIN: "I HAVE NO COMMENT TO MAKE ON THIS OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT WE HAVE NOT SHIPPED ANYTHING TO THE RUSSIANS THAT RE-

QUIRES AN EXPORT LICENSE."

6. THE ARTICLE ADDS THAT THE FIRST DELIVERY STAGE IS TO BE HANDED OVER TO RUSSIANS IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR. SHOULD STANSAAB FAIL TO MEET DELIVERY DATES, HEAVY PENALTIES COULD BE IMPOSED. WEDELL, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, BELIEVES THERE IS LITTLE RISK THAT STANSAAB WILL ONLY GET LIMITED LICENSE AND THAT RUSSIANS WILL NOT GET THE ADVANCED SYSTEM THEY HAVE ORDERED. STANSAAB HAS ALREADY MADE CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION THE FIRM SUBMITTED MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, THE ARTICLE ADDS. WEDELL IS QUOTED AS SAYING: "WE HAVE MADE A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO EXPLAIN HOW CERTAIN THINGS ARE LINKED TOGETHER. BUT AS FAR AS I CAN SEE WE WILL BE GETTING A LICENSE FOR THE SYSTEM WE HAVE SOLD."  
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